IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE SIDE

WRIT PETITION NO. 5993 of 2006

Prakash R. Gayake ..Petitioner

Vs.

State of Maharashtra & Ors. ..Respondents

Mr. R.K. Mendadkar, for the Petitioner
Mrs. M.P. Thakur, for the Respondents.

CORAM : F.I. REBELLO &
S.J.VAZIFDAR, JJ.
DATED : 13TH FEBRUARY 2007

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. The petitioner obtained the caste certificate as belonging to O.B.C., which was issued on 7th September, 2003. The Committee vide order dated 29th December, 2003 validated the petitioner's caste claim as belonging to Hindu Koli, a Special Backward class. At the time of arguments we called upon the learned Counsel to explain as to whether Hindu Koli is O.B.C. or Special backward class. Learned Counsel informs us that as and upto 7th December, 1994 Hindu Kolies were treated as O.B.C. and after that date they are treated as Special Backward class. The petitioner's caste claim was forwarded some time in the year 2003 and decided in the year 2003. The Caste Scrutiny Committee considering the petitioner's claim to be Hindu Koli could have only decided based on the Government notification. As per Government Notification what the Committee decided was Hindu Koli as special caste. In that light of the matter we find no cause for interference. Petition disposed of.

(**S.J.VAZIFDAR, J)** (**F.I. REBELLO**, J)